PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Re: Proposed Sale of Citizens Communications Company to Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The Public Service Board will conduct a **PUBLIC** hearing on **Monday, July 14, 2003, at 7:15 P.M.**, through the Vermont Interactive Television Network, at the sites listed below, to take comments from the public on the Joint Petition of Citizens Communications Company, d/b/a Citizens Energy Services (Citizens), to sell its Vermont Electric Division distribution assets and a portion of its transmission assets to Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. (VEC); and on the petition of VEC seeking authority for the issuance of financing and related transactions necessary to effectuate the acquisition (Docket #6850).

You can participate in the public hearing at any one of the following Vermont Interactive Television sites:

Brattleboro	Newport
Key Bank	North Country Union High School
158 Main Street	Room 370, 209 Veterans Avenue
Colchester	St. Albans
76 King Street (Suite 1)	Bellows Free Academy, North Bl
located on Ethan Allen Avenue	One Hospital Drive

<u>Johnson</u>

Johnson State College Bentley Hall, Room 211

The hearing will broadcast from the Johnson site.

NOTE: All hearing sites are handicapped accessible. Anyone needing special accommodation should contact the Public Service Board at (802)828-2358 by no later than July 10, 2003, if they will need that accommodation.